

AMENDMENT TRANSMITTAL LETTER (Small Entity)

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Applicant(s): Masini

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Transmitted herewith is an amendment in the above-identified application.

Small Entity status of this application has been established under 37 CFR 1.27 by a verified statement previously submitted.

A verified statement to establish Small Entity status under 37 CFR 1.27 is enclosed.

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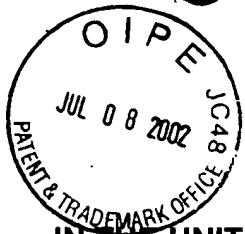
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AMENDMENT AND REPLY TO FINAL REJECTION

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Dear Sir:

In response to the final Office Action mailed April 5, 2001, please amend the above-referenced application as follows:

IN THE DRAWINGS:

Attached are copies of the originally filed drawings with red ink markings to show changes for which approval of the Examiner is requested.

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Replace the paragraph on page 8, lines 1-6 with the following:

Figure 7 shows how one could actually alter the final implant as opposed to necessarily altering the cut. In this case, a distal position of the lateral femoral condyle 702 would be less than the medial